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Agriculture, Ministry of

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February

No 29. Reduces prices payable by JZDs (Unified Agricultural Cooperatives) to MTS for work performed, and establishes supports to help certain JZDs in selected okreses to purchase young cattle and sheep. Section 15, page 109.

March

No 59. Sets forth the method of protecting rabbits and hares from myxomatosis and of overcoming this disease. Section 34, page 279.

Bulk Buying, Ministry of

January

No 25. Sets forth the method of assessing delivery quotas for agricultural products and working out delivery contracts. Section 13, page 93.

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February

- No 37. Deals with delivery quotas for meat, milk, eggs, and wool. Sect. 20, page 138.
- No 41. Discusses bulk buying and regular purchase prices of agricultural products; deals with bonus payments on established bulk buying prices payable for selected agricultural products. Section 24, page 171.
- No 42. Refers to deliveries and bulk buying of industrial plants and medicinal and aromatic herbs. Section 24, page 184.
- No 43. Permits "reverse" sales [to farm workers] of food and industrial products in return for deliveries of agricultural products. Section 24, page 193.

March

- No 48. Amends previous legislation governing delivery, bulk buying, and issuance of seed and seedlings. Section 28, page 227.
- No 49. Sets delivery quotas and bulk buying prices of potatoes and seed potatoes. Section 28, page 227.
- No 50. Sets delivery quotas and bulk buying prices of cereals, oleaginous plants and hay, cereal seed, oleaginous plant seed, clover, and grass seed. Section 28, page 231.
- No 51. Sets delivery quotas and bulk buying prices of grapes. Section 28, page 241.
- No 52. Sets delivery quotas and bulk buying prices of vegetables. Section 28, page 243.
- No 53. Sets delivery quotes and bulk buying prices of fruit and strawberries. Section 28, page 246.
- No 64. Amends previous legislation as promulgated under No 41 above [bulk buying and regular prices of agricultural products]. Section 40, page 223.

Church Affairs, State Office of

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January

No 16. Regulates the manufacture and sale of religious articles. Section 8, page 57.

Development, Government Committee for

February

No 38. Lists regulations for the introduction of planned and budgetary documentation of investments. Section 22, page 159.

Education, Ministry of

January

No 4. Establishes method of granting academic degrees. Section 2, page 7.

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Finance, Ministry of

January

- No 1. Amends and expands the scope and conditions of mandatory insurance of national committee property, property of enterprises budgetarily connected with national committees, and property of JZDs. Section 2, page 5.
- No 2. Establishes reductions in agricultural taxes in cases where damage [to crops or property] has been caused by natural disasters. Section 2, page 6.
- No 3. Sets the official rates of exchange of foreign currency in respect to Czechoslovak crowns, for purposes of calculating fees and capital gains taxes. Section 2, page 7.
 - No 11. Explains the law on the use of foreign exchange. Section 6, page 42.
- No 13. Discusses change in percentage increases in income tax and selected provisions within the scope of this tax law. Section 7, page 49.
- No 14. Reduces the entertainment tax for selected cases of dance type entertainment. Section 7, page 50.
 - No 19. Liquidates selected organizations. Section 9, page 63.
- No 21. Deals with the Fund of the Nationalized Economy [sic]. Section 12, page 86.
- No 22. Sets the official rates of exchange of foreign currency in respect to Czechoslovak crowns, for purposes of calculating fees and capital gain taxes. Section 12, page 87.

February

- No 26. Establishes average norms of productivity for agricultural establishments, in order to permit the assessment of the agricultural tax for 1954. Section 14, page 107.
- No 32. Prolongs the period of tax reduction on literary and artistic activities. Section 16, page 119.
- No 33. Establishes the tasks and functions of the Auditing and Accounting Administration of the Ministry of Finance. Section 17, page 125.
- No 44. Sets the official rates of exchange of foreign currency in respect to Czechoslovak crowns, for purposes of calculating fees and capital gains taxes. Section 25, page 195.

March

- No 45. Amends decree on mandatory legal liability insurance for operating motor vehicles. Section 26, page 199.
 - No 61. Sets interest rates. Section 38, page 301.

Unnumbered. Deals with mutual claims in accounting between economic organizations; and the procedure of posting credits in the process of such accounting procedures. Section 39, page 305.

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Food Industry, Ministry of

February

No 39. Sets wage rates for workers employed in production enterprises of the food industry. Section 23, page 167.

Foreign Trade, Ministry of

March

No 47. Establishes control procedures for the export of gifts and movable property. Section 27, page 203.

Forests and the Lumber Industry, Ministry of

January

No 5. Sets wage rates for employees of the Administration of State Forests. Section 2, page 12.

March

No 57. Establishes the mandatory use of folding and space-saving crates. Section 32, page 265.

No 58. Deals with bribes paid for delivery of water from public water mains and water works, and bribes paid for piping waste water away [from the payor] by way of public sewers [sic]. Section 34, page 277.

Health, Ministry of

February

No 27. Requires health workers to submit regular reports and keep records. Section 14, page 107.

Interior, Ministry of

January

No 8. Adjusts the jurisdiction of the criminal commissions of national committees. Section 4, page 29.

March

No 56. Deals with the national committee elections. Section 31, page 261.

Internal Trade, Ministry of

January

No 18. Regulates the working hours of retail stores and communal catering establishments. Section 9, page 61.

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March

- No 62. Requires the conduct of a census and a re-appraisal of stockpiles, by 31 March 1954. Section 40, page 317.
- No 63. Reduces state retail prices of food and selected industrial products, effective 1 April 1954. Section 40, page 317.

Justice, Ministry of

January

No 20. Specifies the method of execution of a decision by the state (regional, oblast) arbitration [commission?]. Section 12, page 85.

Labor and Manpower, Ministry of

January

No 24. Outlines several provisions in the recruitment and deployment of manpower. Section 12, page 88.

Local Economy, Ministry of

March

- No 55. Establishes procedure for setting prices in automobile repair shops. Section 30, page 257.
- No 65. Reduces prices payable for maintenance, repairs, and services. Section 40, page 324.

Planning Office, State

January

No 17. Discusses the quarterly and monthly plans for railroad transportation. Section 8, page 57.

Social Security, State Commission for

January

No 23. Concerns revision of the method of calculating premiums and extends period during which members of JDZs self-employed persons, and working members of family units are eligible for benefits under the national income insurance plan. Section 12, page 87.

Standardization, Office for

By the following decrees, No 6 through 60, the Czechoslovak Office for Standardization has established Technical State Standards for the commodities, services, and technical processes listed:

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- No 6. Cut pit props; aircraft lumber [sic]; stacked lumber for excelsion production; boards and coniferous cut lumber; protection against the Bostrychia e (Ipidae); cemented carbide collar beams; screws for wooden drums used for winding electric wire; triangular steel, 60 degree [equilateral triangular steel rods?]; aluminum insulated wire for armature windings; solid fuel testing; cast plate glass; ballast for structural sections; copybook paper; school sketch books; paper for paper bags; wood pulp notebook paper; leaflets and signs; paper fabric-F [sic]; filament fibers and pit props. Section 2, page 14.
- No 7. Selected gas-pipeline fittings (effective period for existing regulations extended). Section 2, page 15.
- No 10. Duplicating milling machines; fire-fighting equipment; thermometers for use in the dyeing industry and thermometers for butchers [sic]; gear wheels; motion picture reels for 35-millimeter film; woven merchandise; pure chemicals and chemical agents. Section 3, page 31.
- No 15. Bicycle wheels with spokes; bicycle tubes; dilute industrial phosphoric acid; rubber hose for compressed air; industrial heating gases; surface tip car for mines; petroleum asphalt for highways; tar paper; leather straps, with buckle, for use on spurs; refined structural steel, grade 12 [sic]; free-forged steel forgings and steel die forgings; industrial cuttings of coniferous lumber. Section 7, page 50.

February

- No 30. School notebooks; triangular cutters; hayforks, rakes, and hoes; regulators; porcelain insulators; axial ventilators; technical potassium carbonate; compressor oils; technical hydrofluoric acid. Section 16, page 117.
- No 31. Lye test; aviation gasolines; housings for explosion proof equipment; air cooled turbo-alternators; fire-fighting equipment; fascicular cartons; signposts for outside use; tests to determine the adhesive value of selected glues to wood at high temperatures; typewriter ribbons. Section 16, page 118.
- No 34. Carbonaceous matter; protective shields for abrasive wheels; refined structural steel; pencil industry cuttings; raw coking tar; testing of tires; mixed [sic] dried human blood plasma. Section 18, page 129.
- No 35. Rotating electric machinery; contact distribution panels; electric household refrigerators; quality of brown and black coals; padlocks; benzene; woven outer garments; sectional conveyors; equal pressure, axial smoke ventilators. Section 18, page 130.
- No 36. Motor fuels; solid fuel tests; rod steel for agricultural machines; rod fittings for seam pipe; drills; safety regulations for refrigeration equipment; ventilation of refrigeration plants; machine parts; dividing straps [sic]; firefighting equipment. Section 19, page 133.
- No 40. Gristmills; water hoses; surface protection of pipelines through layers of bitumen; terminology in pressing techniques; steel parts for outside [outdoor?], 10-kilovolt conductors; curtains; deep drilling; simple rail switch points for mines and for use above ground; "Superior" brand paper; selected types of paper; maps. Section 23, page 169.
- No 46. Structural sheets made of wood shavings and cement; logs; testing methods for testing reagents; solid fuel tests; nomenclature and characteristics of basic types of cotton fabrics; natural silk and rayon fabrics; directives for the introduction of the metric system of measuring in the cotton industry;

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clinical thermometers; rotating electric machinery; clamping of [cutting?] tools; rubber covers for saddles; push-buttor switches; communications wire terminals; diamond reamers. Section 28, page 201.

No 54. Woven linen goods; open keys [sic]; fire-prevention posters; valves for tubes for use in road vehicle trailer tires; photo-thermometer for pressed commutators; cadmium sulphate; alpha-naphthylacetic acid; method for selection of test pieces, test roots and stumps for the determination of physical and mechanical characteristics of lumber; sheets made of laminated pressed wood; cut lumber for sporting goods and hygienic products; valves with one bend at 90 degrees; size of wrappings for pharmaceutical raw materials; aluminum wire with cotton insulation; testing of rubber; Bismarck Brown; ribbons; one-piece skis and laminated skis; grain thermometer; threads; bicycles; paper for use in the electronics industry. Section 29, page 251.

No 60. "Risofa"n" baking powder; cocoa; chocolate sauce with soybean additive; bottom podni) scapmaker's lye; compressed medical and industrial oxygen gas; industrial, liquid carbon dickide; beer bottles; "krechtovy" thermometer; calibrating wire; sampling techniques; electric meter face plates; rubber sheets; protective springs; abrasive and polishing tools; channels for conductors; testing of malleable castings by bending; steel wall sections; dimensions of ball indentations in copper [in Brinell test?]. Section 37,

Wage Commission, State

January

No 9. Regulates the remuneration of apprentices outside of the provisions of the state manpower reserve system. Section 4, page 30.

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